

London Borough of Barnet
2 Bristol Avenue,
Colindale,
London, NW9 4EW
July 2022
Our ref: 8319014

Thank you for your request received on 17 June 2022, for the following information:

I am requesting the following information under the Freedom of Information Act:

1. Has the council used IMPOWER consultancy since 2015? IMPOWER may have been used in adult care, public health, children's care/children's services, education (including SEND), climate change, leadership teams or supporting finance directors.

2. If the answer to question 1 is 'yes', what work did IMPOWER do (or what advice did IMPOWER provide) and when?

3. Please provide details of any programmes or projects that IMPOWER worked/advised on.

Question 3 covers, but is not limited to, any public service reform/transformation programmes that IMPOWER advised on, designed or helped implement, and any demand management initiatives IMPOWER advised on, designed or helped implement.

I would like the information sent by email.

We have processed this request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Response

The council holds the information requested and the answers to your questions are below.

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Yes

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Between 2015 and 2017 Impower Consulting Ltd provided consultancy support to our Adults and Health and Growth and Corporate Services departments.

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Impower Consulting Ltd provided financial and consultancy support for procurement and mobilisation processes linked to Education and Skills and the Adults Transformation Programme and consultancy support for review of the council's RE contract for the provision of development and regulatory services.

Further information

If you are interested in the data that the council holds you may wish to visit Open Barnet, the council's data portal. This brings together all our published datasets and other information of interest on one searchable database for anyone, anywhere to access. <http://open.barnet.gov.uk/>

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Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF (telephone: 0303 123 1113; website www.ico.org.uk). There is no charge for making an appeal.